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Dear [redacted]

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While I admire your perseverance in seeking backing for a National Historical Intelligence Museum, I must decline a meeting with you and your board members.

I am glad that my testimony before the Senate Select Committee was helpful. However, I believe that further assistance could be misconstrued as official involvement by the Director of Central Intelligence. This would not be in the Agency's best interests nor the museum's in the long run. Your project's long-term credibility and freedom of action will depend on your independence from official constraints.

As always, my best wishes for your project's success.

Sincerely,

7s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

DCI/PAO [redacted] /7676 (13 Mar 84)

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29 February 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT: Proposed Meeting with [] about
National Historical Intelligence Museum

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1. I have no recommendation to make concerning whether you should meet with [] as he requests in his attached letter to you.

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2. I should note, however, that while I admire [] perseverance in promoting an intelligence museum, I am chary of his efforts to involve the Agency in it. I agree with the position the Agency has maintained since 1967, that direct involvement is not in CIA's interest. Moreover, in my view a CIA role would not be in the interest of either the projected museum or television series, whose credibility will largely depend upon their independence and freedom from official constraints.

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[]
J. Kenneth McDonald

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Attachment

ACCEPT MEETING WITH []

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DECLINE MEETING WITH []

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6 MAR 1984



ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Proposed Meeting with [] about National Historical Intelligence Museum				STAT
FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald Chief, History Staff 316 Ames Bldg.		EXTENSION []	NO. []	STAT
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But Your call

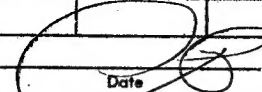
Me, too

To S:
In coordination with C/History Staff, pls draft a letter for DCI's signature regretting that DCI is unable to take a personal role with Museum board

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14	D/Pers				
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Remarks

Recommendation please to DCI ASAP
re request for meeting.

Executive Secretary
27 Feb 84

Date

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NATIONAL HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM

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February 22, 1984

Hon. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

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Dear Mr. Casey:

Among other things, this letter is to thank you belatedly, for testifying before the Senate Select Committee in behalf of our project for National Historical Intelligence Museum. It is also aimed at reviving direct communication between us on our planning for the Museum. I am in hopes you will continue to be supportive of the project and will give it the kind of assist you gave me and my associates in that effort, when the National Intelligence Study Center was in process of establishment.

More specifically, I hope it will be possible for you and me, perhaps with some of the Museum's more active board members, to get together informally and at your convenience. We would like to bring you up to date and seek your further assistance principally in our efforts to solve the troublesome problem of suitable space in the Washington area, and to obtain other needs essential to gaining the momentum required by a project as ambitious as ours.

In preparation for a meeting with [redacted] and our exhibitry advisor I reread very recently your American Revolution book and others on the Revolution,* and was reminded of our long conversation in your law office a long time ago before I pigeonholed the museum concept for several years.

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You probably know about many developments of the past two years and current plans from your fellow VSS members. However, there will also be developments which will be new to you, the most interesting, I believe, being my proposal for a television series on the history of U.S. intelligence. I am enclosing for your information an extract from our application for a small National Endowment planning grant on this proposal although I am not talking about it much, as this is but a first small step on it, and we will not even have a response on this initial request until August.

I shall follow up on this request with a call to your secretary on when an informal meeting would be possible, perhaps at the (Georgetown) home of one of our Board members or in another social setting. Your advice and further help is needed badly at this time. Thanks again for your continuing interest in this not-easy-to-do project.

Sincerely, [redacted]

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* We have done parallel planning exercises on Civil War and World War II thus far.

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